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There were besides two and twentie Mules, laden onelic with plate and most gorgeously apparell, which belonged to Don Oliuer the Generall.

In this armie, besides the baggage, was the fledge of Sauoy, and all the faire and goodlie horses for seruice, which appertained to the Bastard of Sauoy.

Thus richly and resolutely they marched vp into the prouince of Dauphinie, threatening and indeede intending to take Languedock and Grenoble to the King of Spaine, &c. accounting that if they could become Lordes of their bordering neighbors, their en-

NEVVES

from France.

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VVhere Monsieur de Signiers in
the Kings behalfe, most brauely discomfited the Ar-
mie of the King of Spaine and the Pope, con-
sisting of ten thousand strong, being
Neapolitans, Spaniards, Sauoi-
ans and Burgonians.

With the taking of fiftene Ensignes, the number that were
slaine, and how many were taken prisoners, which Armia
was sent to surprize Languedock and Grenoble.
This happened the 18. of September.

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With some notes and newes from Deruerne
in Holland.

Braunton sale, June 1885



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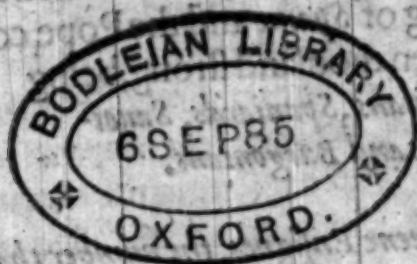
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Vuhere Monsieur de Signiers in

the King's bechale most graciously discomined the Ar-



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Is woonderfull (my very good kinsman) to see the mi-
series of Fraunce, and as mira-
culous to compare our pre-
sent estate in the contrary, she
hauing beene called the Gar-
den of the world for pleasure,
and we (now so happie) calde
none of the world, (in time past) in respect of our I-
landes littlenes. I know you in England expect news
with euerie happie winde: and happie be that wind
which bringes you good newes. But I heare, and it
is common with vs here, that many idle heads with
you, hearing the ynhappy state of Fraunce, and con-
iecturing by their strong imaginations what is likely,
or may indeed chaunce, set pen to paper, and men to
the presse, and publish that for truth, which if it were
so, were well, but being not so, proues so contempti-
ble, that the verie trueth it selfe carries small credite:
And this makes me fearefull to write, least the harde
beleefe of others to whom you may impart my let-

ters, may make you doubtfull of my credite, and so carelesse of my loue: but yet presuming of your wonted good opinion of me, and to perfourme my promise at our parting, when you enioyned me to this small seruice of sending you continuallie such newes as the countrey yeldes, I will roughly, (but truly) set downe the effect of a letter that was sent by Monsieur Desginers, gouernor of Daulphine for his Maiestie, to signifie their present state. Wherin he explaines a most honourable exploit performed the 18. day of this instant moneth of September, against the common enemies of Religion, the king of Spaine, and the false Prophet of Rome: Which although I cannot set downe in such excellenness as the originall coppie conteyned, yet the effect and truth, I will on my credit set downe in such sort, as you shall not need to feare to iustifie what I write, in that I am assured, as well by some that came from thence, with whom I haue conferred, as by the certaine newes sent to the kings owne person.

But first you must vnderstand, that this seruice was done in the farthest part of all Fraunce, next adiacent to Italie. For the king of Spain doeth exercise Fraunce continually, begirting her on all sides with warre and bloud, & reuels in her verie bowels without intermission of any ease.

Don Oliuer Gouernour of Millaine (a man reported to be for experience and honor seconde vnto none in those parts of Italie) was made Generall of
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nine or tenne thousand men, whose whole armie consisted of Neopolitanes and Spaniards for the most part, but with them were mixed a few Burgonians, and Sauoyans, all men of experience, and furnished exactlie in all points for the performance of such a seruice.

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There were besides two and twentie Mules, laden onelie with plate and most gorgeous apparell, which belonged to Don Oliuer the Generall. In this armie, besides the baggage, was the steele of Sauoy, and all the faire and goodlie horses for seruice, which appertained to the Bastard of Sauoy. Thus richly and resolutely they marched vp into the prouince of Dauphinie, threatening and indeede intending to take Languedock and Grenoble to the King of Spaine y^e, accounting that if they could become Lordes of their bordering neighbors, their interance

terance would be more easie for to wade higher into France, and no doubt, assuring themselves of good successe, for that diuerse rebellious townes in those Prouinces hold for the league.

10 But Monsieur d'Signiers gouernour of those parts, a man of an honorable resolution, disgarrisoning diuerse townes, and mustering such power as was there for the King, marched vp into the Country to meet them, and on the eighteenth daie of this moneth of September, at the breake of daie bad them breakfast, that (although by espialls or other meanes, they had warning of his comming foure hours before) by ten of the clocke the same daie he was Lord of the field, and of all the substance whereof they so much gloried. For in the same battell was slaine two thousande and five hundred souldiers, and there were taken prisoners fifteene hundred, and the rest fled for to saue their liues. There were taken fifteene Ensignes, and the enimie pursued euen vnto their holds.

11 With all these spoiles the Gouvernor for the King, Monsieur d'Signiers marched on half the day before the enimie to his great honor. The Generall don Oliuer and his friends, fled into Cambray and Sauoy, where they remaine: and it is credibly reported that Monsieur d'Signiers is minded to besiege them there and is already with great ordinance in the field.

12 This worthe exploit being performed, the Gouverneur sent backe certaine prisoners to the enimie all naked, with a Trumpetter with this message, that
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the next time they came, & he caught them, he would vse them otherwise.

And thus haue I (good Sir) set downe an abrupt discourse of so honorable an action, wishing that I had iust occasion euerie daie to acquaint you with such succesful newes, on condition I spent my whole time in gathering and sending them. And so I commit you to God.

Post Scriptum.



O O D Sir, after I had ended my Letter, by chaunce I mette with a friend of mine, a marchant, who acquainted mee with certaine newes out of the Lowe Countries, and such as they are I will impart them vnto you.

Graue *Maurice* hauing taken the town of Hulst in the land of Wast, and there reposing himself and his armie some few daies, on wednesdaie last leauing it strongly garisoned, marched with a thousand hargubusiars two daies in the sight of the Enemie. After which, hauing three hundred ships ready in the riuer to receiue his Excellencie and his whole armie, they sailed to the town of Deruen in Holland, where him selfe is landed, but his power remains aboard the ships, abiding his pleasure, whether they go it is not well knowen, but God send them good successe: and so once againe I commit you to God.

Finis.

the next time they came, & he caught them, he would
let them off the wile.
And thus have I (good Sir) let down an abrupt
discourse of the honorable action, wishing that I
had in occasion more time to acquaint you with
such and such as I have on condition I spent my whole
time in writing and sending them. And so I com-
mit you to God.

Post Scriptum.

O O D Sir, after I had ended my let-
ter, by chance I met with a friend of
mine, a merchant, who acquainted me
with certain news out of the Lowe
Counties, and such as they are I will

impart them unto you.

James Mavor having taken the town of Hull in
the month of May, and there reposing himself, and his
armie some few daies, on wednesday last leaving it
strongly garrisoned, marched with a thousand har-
bours two daies in the sight of the Enemies. After
which, having three hundred ships ready in the river
to receive his Excellencie and his whole armie, they
 sailed to the town of Down in Holland, where him
self is landed, but his power remains aboard the
ships, enjoying his pleasure, whether they go is not
well known, but God send them good success: and
so ever, your loving friend, I commit you to God.

Yours

